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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Antioch - Two Arrested in Gun Case

(U) Several high-powered rifle parts and frames, high capacity magazines and other evidence of illegal firearms manufacturing and sales were seized by police and two men were arrested, ages 18 and 42, during the service of a search warrant by the Antioch police SWAT team and gang unit, authorities said. Police said the search was part of an on-going firearms manufacturing investigation that was initiated by the gang unit and did not release the identities of those arrested, or if they had a gang affiliation. SOURCE: 7 January 2021, East Bay Times

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – US Border Patrol Arrests Gang Member Convicted of Aggravated Felony

(U) Calexico – Agents assigned to the Calexico Station arrested a man for illegally entering the US. Agents conducted records checks, which revealed that the man, 23, was from Mexico and a member of the Alley Boys gang, and had a prior conviction for 8 USC 1326, Re-entry after being Previously Removed. The man also has multiple criminal offenses out of Santa Ana, which include gang enhancements, vandalism, and assault with a deadly weapon.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Federal Murder Investigation to be Opened in Capitol Police Officer's Death

(U) Washington – Prosecutors in the US Attorney's office plan to open a federal murder investigation into the death of Brian D. Sicknick, a US Capitol Police officer who died as a result of injuries sustained while on-duty, Capitol Police officials said in a statement. Sicknick was injured when a mob of President Donald Trump's supporters stormed the US Capitol. The death is being investigated by the DC Metropolitan Police Department's homicide branch, the US Capitol Police, and federal partners. SOURCE: 8 January 2021, CNN

(U) District of Columbia – National Guard Deployed to DC Through Inauguration

(U) Washington – Guard troops will move into Washington, DC by this weekend and will remain there at least through President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on 20 January, the secretary of the Army said. The troops will come from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York, supplementing other Guard forces from Virginia and Maryland. The totality of the DC National Guard has also been activated local authorities announced and will remain on an active status for at least 30 days. SOURCE: 7 January 2021, US News

(U) District of Columbia – Justice Department, Federal Court System Hit by Russian Hack

(U) Washington – The Justice Department said that 3% of its Microsoft Office 365 email accounts were potentially affected but did not say to whom those accounts belonged. There are no indications that classified systems were affected, the agency said. Separately, the Administrative Office of US Courts

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informed federal judicial bodies across the nation that the courts' nationwide case management system was breached. That potentially gave the hackers access to sealed court documents, whose contents are highly sensitive.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, Fox News

(U) Michigan – Authorities Arrest Man for Allegedly Making Bomb Threat at Michigan Capitol Building

(U) Lansing – A man has been arrested by the Michigan State Police, and Attorney General Dana Nessel's office will be reviewing for possible charges after he allegedly reported that there was a bomb at the Michigan Capitol building. Michael Varrone, 48, of Charlotte, allegedly telephoned a control operator at the Capitol complex and said everyone needed to evacuate because the building was going to explode. The employee immediately reported the bomb threat to Michigan State Police. Authorities quickly determined the threat to be false.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, WILX News10

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Attacks Around Afghanistan Kill At Least 23

(U) Kabul – Attacks in Afghanistan left at least 23 civilians and security forces dead, officials said. In southern Uruzgan province, a suicide car bomber detonated a vehicle full of explosives near a military base, killing six security forces. In southern Helmand province, at least five civilians were killed, and five others wounded in a suspected airstrike, according to Attaullah Afghan, head of the provincial council. In northern Kunduz province, Taliban fighters stormed a military checkpoint killing at least 12 security personnel. Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility for the attack and said Taliban fighters killed around 15 security forces and arrested 11 others.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, SFGate

(U) Indonesia – Radical Cleric Linked to Bali Bombings Freed

(U) Jakarta – Abu Bakar Ba'asyir has been released from prison outside of Indonesia's capital Jakarta. The 82-year-old is the former head of Jemaah Islamiyah, an al-Qa'ida-inspired group behind the Bali nightclub bombings that killed 202 people. Authorities say he will enter a deradicalization program. People from 21 nations died in the blasts on 12 October 2002 on the popular holiday island of Bali. The two bombs ripped through Paddy's Irish Bar and the nearby Sari Club in the Kuta tourist district. It remains to this day Indonesia's deadliest terrorist attack.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, BBC

(U) Mexico – Gunmen Storm Wake, Killing at Least Nine

(U) Guanajuato – At least nine people were killed in central Mexico as gunmen opened fire at a wake, local authorities reported, with images on social media showing bodies strewn near a coffin and people who had collapsed on the street. The shooting took place outside a private home in the city of Celaya and one wounded person had been taken to a hospital. Some local media outlets reported that the death toll could be as high as 13. Security forces were searching for those responsible, according to the Secretariat of Citizen Security, a local agency in Celaya.

SOURCE: 7 January 2021, New York Times

(U) Pakistan – Seven Shiite Militants Arrested, Foiling Possible Attacks

(U) Multan – Pakistan's counterterrorism police and the country's intelligence agency raided hideouts of an outlawed Shiite militant group and arrested seven suspects who allegedly wanted to attack leaders of rival Sunni Muslims' groups, a spokesman said. The Punjab Counter-Terrorism Department said the

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suspects from the outlawed Sipah-e-Mohammad group were arrested in three separate raids over the previous 24 hours from cities of Sargodha, Khusab and Sahiwal. It said officers seized bomb-making material and guns that were to be used in sectarian attacks by the arrested men. SOURCE: 7 January 2021, <u>ABC News</u>

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